



# *APD NEWS*

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### **TRAFFIC FATALITIES #18**

**Case:** 08-0992350

**Date:** Tuesday, April 8, 2008

**Time:** 10:02 p.m.

**Location:** 8100 block of North Lamar Blvd.

**Deceased:** Jose Olmero Rojas, Hispanic male (D. O. B. 1-1-77)

#### **Narrative:**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 10:02 p.m., North Central Area Command patrol officers responded to an auto/pedestrian crash at the 8100 block of North. Lamar Blvd. A Gray Nissan SUV was traveling northbound in the left lane and struck a pedestrian that began to cross the street mid-block from the east curb line to the west curb line. The pedestrian was taken to Brackenridge Hospital after suffering from life threatening injuries.

As a result of the injuries sustained in the crash, Rojas was pronounced deceased on April 14, 2008.

In 2007 there were 461 crashes involving pedestrians within the City of Austin. These crashes resulted in 24 deaths and injuries. Pedestrians are reminded to use the cross walks at all times and crossing mid-block is against the law and subject to a fine if convicted.

This case remains under investigation by APD Vehicular Homicide Detectives. Anyone with any information on this incident is asked to call Vehicular Homicide Detectives at 974-8212. This is Austin's 18th traffic fatality of 2008.